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Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

I'm writing to urge the FCC to vote no on the "broadcast flag."

As a teacher, I am very concerned about this upcoming vote. I feel that it is imperative for teachers to be able to show recently-recorded programs or parts of programs in their classrooms for discussion and analysis. This practice allows students to see current events documentaries they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see, and it enables them to be exposed to a range of ideas that are not generally available in their textbooks. It also promotes critical thinking and language skills, which are highly valued. Furthermore, students might learn about new TV programs that they could then watch at home, thus leading toward a "brand loyalty" which I presume would be desirable for the networks and cable channels. The practice of recording and showing TV programs is standard in classrooms throughout the country, and it's legal under the Fair Use Doctrine.

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

As fulltime college professor of Telecommunication for more than 30 years, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I need to utilize television programming in my classes, under the present guidelines of "fair use."

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Dear Michael Copps,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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Greg Watson  
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As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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